THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A. R. ANTULAY): (a) and (b) After considering the report of the Sachar Committee, it has been decided to accept in principle its recommendation regarding setting up an Equal Opportunity Commission which will look into grievances of deprived groups regarding discrimination.

Development of Rajiv Gandhi Bio-Technology Centre

820. SHRI THENNALA G BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal for the development of Rajiv Gandhi Bio-Technology Centre, Trivandrum;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total amount allotted for the centre in the last budget;

(d) the total amount spent so far; and

(e) if not, the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) to (e) Yes, Sir. The taking over of Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Bio-technology, Thirvananthapuram, *w.e.f.* 1st April, 2007 has been recently approved by the Cabinet in its meeting held on August 2, 2007. The Budget allocations for the Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Bio-technology will be finalized after the approval of Expenditure Finance Committee.

Recommendations of **the National Commission for Religious and Linguistic Minorities**

† 821. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received the report of National Commissioner for Religious and Linguistic Minorities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the recommendations made in the report;

(d) government's reaction to those recommendations; and

(e) whether Government propose to implement the report?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) The recommendations of the National Commission for Religious and Linguistic Minorities are under consideration of the Government.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.